

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1-40 are presently pending.

Claims 27-30 and 39-41 are allowed. Claims 1, 14, 15 and 18 have been amended to correct grammar.

Claims 2-6, 17, 19 and 37-38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Please note the listing of objected claims in the "Office Action Summary" appears to be in error as compared with the detailed Office Action. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 7-9, 14-15, 20 and 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by newly cited U.S. Patent No. 6,868,134 (*Yoshizaki*). However, it appears that the Examiner intended to reject the claims based on 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as *Yoshizaki* was patented after the filing date of the instant patent application (December 24, 2001).

Claims 10 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yoshizaki*.

Claims 16, 31-32 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (Fig. 1 and pages 2-4) in view of *Yoshizaki*.

Claims 11-13, 25-30 and 39-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,181,505 (*Sacks et al.*) in view of *Yoshizaki*.

Filed concurrently herewith is a Declaration of Kun-Yung Ken Chang Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131 ("DECLARATION") "swearing behind" the *Yoshizaki* reference. While the present claims are patentable over the *Yoshizaki* reference, the DECLARATION is provided to expedite prosecution of the present application. Therefore, withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections based on *Yoshizaki* is respectfully requested.

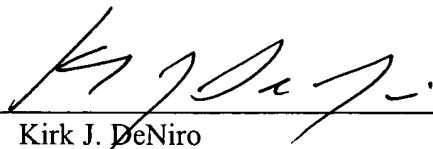
Based on the above amendments, the concurrently filed DECLARATION and these remarks, reconsideration of claims 1-26 and 31-38 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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